

**NOVEMBER 16, 2009
MINUTES**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, November 16, 2009 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS**

Taylor Davidson Eagle Scout Presentation

The BOS presented a citation to Taylor Davidson a recent Eagle Scout Award recipient. Taylor discussed his project at the Town Forest.

OPEN FORUM

~Dr. Rogers and Superintendent Retchless

Dr. John Rogers introduced some of the members of School Building Committee and thanked the community for passing the School Bond Exemption at Saturday's election.

~Jared Valenzola also spoke and thanked the community.

~Dr. Rogers continued to thank the School Committee and the BOS, the Superintendent and staff, and Town Administrator Chiocca. He also thanked Senator Morrissey, State Representative Nyman and Julie Shields and the SOS Committee.

~Superintendent Retchless thanked the same people Dr. Rogers mentioned and townspeople of Rockland. He praised John Rogers and presented him with a Hard Hat to visit construction site.

~School Committee Chairman Mark Norris

Thanked all the voters young, parents, and seniors for passing the Debt Exclusion.

~Julie Shields SOS (Save Our Schools) coordinator

Thanked everyone who voted and also thanked the volunteers who worked with her to pass the debt exclusion. Urge everyone to continue to volunteer and stay involved.

~Larry Chaffee spoke to thank Tom Mills for starting the project.

~Andy Triantafellow spoke to say next year we need to take the BOS seat away from Mike Zupkofska.

~Mr. Zupkofska said “this is America, he has every right to say that”

~Energy Committee Chairman Carol Perelli

Ms. Perelli spoke requesting a signature for a solar grant request for the Esten School.

~Motion to approve by Ms. O’Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

Superintendent Retchless thanked the energy Committee for their work on the solar array at the High School.

1. Open Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2009

~Motion to approve with amendment by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O’Brien passed 4-0-1(Johnson).

2. Open Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2009

~Motion to approve by Mr. Simpson, 2nd Mr. Chaffee passed 3-1-1(Zupkofska opposed, Johnson abstained).

3. Open Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2009

~Motion to approve by Ms. O’Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

4. Executive Session Minutes of November 9, 2009

~Motion to approve, not to be released until all matters resolved by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd Ms. O’Brien passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Election Warrants

Mr. Chiocca read the election warrants into the record.

~Motion to approve and post the December 8, 2009 State Primary Warrant by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O’Brien passed 5-0.

~Motion to approve and post the January 19, 2009 State Election Warrant by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O’Brien passed 5-0.

6. Taxation Aid Committee Report

Dr John Rogers spoke before his presentation to thank Tom Mills, Marilyn, Werkheiser and Dave Murphy and the WRPS staff for their help with the school project.

~Dr. Rogers spoke regarding the work the Taxation Aid Committee and the programs available to help those in need of tax payment assistance.

~Jeanine Oliver discussed the first informational meeting of programs available to the seniors. The meeting was held and coordinated by COA Director Peg Bryan.

~Patti Penney discussed the voluntary tax contribution to an account to help those in need. The account is set-up to help some seniors in need through a voluntary tax contribution. The donation is both state and federal tax deductible. Donations can be made with property tax bills and excise tax bills.

COA Director Peg Bryan spoke regarding the tax abatement work program which allows some credit on tax bills up to \$500 per household from work performed in the community. There are some restrictions and Town Meeting approval is required for the program to begin. Details still remain regarding eligibility but the committee is reviewing and trying to develop guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

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- 9.

10. License Renewals

Common Victualler License – new manager

1. Yanni's Pizza – 930 Hingham Street (new manager Vasilios Botsaris)
Will come before the BOS to introduce himself.

~Tabled

Class I License

1. International Motor Sports – 7 Market Street
~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

Class II License

1. Dennis Auto Body – 277 North Ave.
 2. South Shore Diagnostic & Repair – 399 Webster Street
 3. Webster Street Auto – 250 Webster Street
 4. Fader Motors – 49 Market Street
- ~Motion to approve all 4 by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

Common Victualler Licenses

1. Mikes Pizzeria – 312 Union Street

2. O'Hurleys Pub – 363 Union Street
3. D'Angelo's – 144 Market Street
4. McDonald's – 117 Market Street
5. Italian American Civic Association – 276 Plain Street
6. Themis Pizza – 488 Market Street
7. Fortune Star – 434 Union Street
8. MaGOO's Ice Cream – 190 VFW Drive
9. Dunkin Donuts, Inc. – 851 Hingham Street
10. Frank Russo Motors – 415 VFW Drive
11. Hotel Thomas 167 Union Street
12. Holiday Inn-Rockland – 929 Hingham Street
13. Tonia's Deli and Quick Mart – 246 East Water Street

~Motion to approve all 13 by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

Note: Mr. Simpson abstained on #5 Italian American Civic Assn. 4-0-1(S).

Automatic Amusement Licenses

1. Italian American Civic Association – 276 Plain Street
Motion to approve O'Brien, 2nd Chaffee, passed 4-0-1(Simpson)
2. O'Hurleys Pub – 363 Union Street
Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.
3. Hotel Thomas – 167 Union Street
Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.
4. Columbia Social Club – 440 Webster Street
Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska, passed 3-0-2(Chaffee and Johnson abstained).
5. Fraternal Order of Eagles – 29 Park Street
Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska, passed 4-0-1(Simpson abstained).

Taxi Licenses

1. J & C Transportation – 404 Old Town Way, Hanover
2. Tri-Town Livery – 544 Rockland Street, Abington
~Motion to approve both by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

Hawkers' & Peddlers' License

1. Tiffany Flowers' – 15 Johnson Terrace
Motion to Table by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, passed 5-0.

Entertainment Licenses

1. Italian American Civic Association – 276 Plain Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0-1(Simpson abstained)
2. O'Hurleys Pub – 363 Union Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.
3. Columbia Social Club – 440 Webster Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Simpson passed 3-0-2(Chaffee and Johnson abstained).
4. Fraternal Order of Eagles – 29 Park Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0-1(Simpson abstained).
5. Hotel Thomas – 167 Union Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.
6. Holiday Inn-Rockland – 929 Hingham Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

Innholder Licenses

1. Hotel Thomas – 167 Union Street
2. Comfort Inn – 850 Hingham Street
3. Holiday Inn-Rockland – 929 Hingham Street
~Motion to approve all 3 by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

Wine & Malt Common Victualler License

1. Mike's Pizza – 312 Union Street
2. Butterfield's Restaurant – 372 Market Street
~Motion to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

All Alcohol Common Victualler License

1. Italian American Civic Association – 276 Plain Street
~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0-1(Simpson abstained).
2. Bella's Restaurant – 933 Hingham Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Simpson passed 5-0.
3. Aygila Restaurant & Lounge – 323 Union Street
~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

All Alcohol – Club License

1. Columbia Social Club – 440 Webster Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska, passed 3-0-2(Chaffee and Johnson abstained).
2. Harmon Golf & Fitness – 168 Concord Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska, passed 4-0-1(Simpson abstained).
3. Old Colony VFW Post #1788 – 22 Church Street
~Motion to approve by, Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

All Alcohol – Commercial Club License

1. South Shore Racquet & Fitness
~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0-1(Simpson abstained)

All Alcohol – Innholder

1. Hotel Thomas – 167 Union Street
2. Holiday Inn-Rockland – 929 Hingham Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O’Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

Wine & Malt – Package License

1. Tedeschi Food Shop – 474 Market Street
~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd Mr. Simpson passed 4-0-1(Johnson).
2. 7-Eleven – 92 Market Street
3. Tonia’s Deli and Quick Mart – 246 East Water Street
~Motion to approve #2 & #3 by Ms. O’Brien 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

- ~Announced all night winter parking ban beginning Nov 29, 2009
- ~Announce Firefighter’s annual Toys for Tots collection.
- ~Read Library letter thanking Lt. Zeoli for reading to the children.
- ~Read Thank you from Library thanking Heritage Landscape & Design for donating the fall clean-up of the Library grounds.
- ~Announced the November 21 & 22 Week-end Open Studios of the 4th floor artists at the ET Wright Building.
- ~Asked the BOS to post reward for information regarding the hit and run which destroyed the traffic signal at Webster and Liberty Streets. Tabled.
- ~Reminded the community of the Esten School PAC fund-raiser on November 21, 2009.

SELECTMAN’S COMMENTS

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Ms. O’Brien

- ~Discussed the Food Pantry fundraiser which raised over \$2000.00 at the Banner and thanked celebrity bartenders
- ~Mentioned the Stroll on November 28th
- ~Attended BAT Bus meeting and discussed upcoming meeting to iron out additional and final details.

- ~Indicated she has been meeting and working to encourage businesses to locate in Rockland and hopes for future announcements.
- ~Thanked everyone for voting on Saturday.

Mr. Johnson

- ~Thanked the voters and indicated plenty of work still lies ahead.
- ~Congratulated Rockland youth football teams and cheerleaders for how well they did this year.
- ~Mentioned Rockland High School Hockey Team Texas Hold'em fundraiser.

Mr. Zupkofska

- ~Mentioned the need for continued oversight of the school project.
- ~Asked about Ken Karlson records.
- ~Asked for police, fire and sidewalk grants.
- ~Discussed legal costs, and requested pending lawsuit update.
- ~Asked about FY11 budget
- ~Discussed Mr. Triantafellow's earlier comments
- ~Mentioned October 27, 2009 Lowell Sun Times article regarding former Assistant Assessor Joe Gibbons.
- ~Mentioned the Stroll

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Thought the Food Pantry fund-raiser at the Banner was a great night and was for a good cause.
- ~Mentioned the Rockland boys and girls soccer teams and their success this season.
- ~Talked about the High School football team winning the Fisher Division.
- ~Congratulated the youth football teams and cheerleaders.
- ~Mentioned upcoming School Building Committee meeting.
- ~Discussed the Joe Gibbons article and that the issue is over.
- ~Suggested Mr. Zupkofska get the Ken Karlson records from the Conservation Committee.

Mr. Zupkofska started discussion during Mr. Chaffee's comments. Discussion took place between Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Zupkofska, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Chiocca. Mr. Chiocca indicated he does not have the records the Conservation Committee keeps them. Discussion continued regarding the records.

- ~Mr. Chaffee suggested members should do their own research. Reminded everyone that individual BOS members have no authority.

Mr. Simpson

- ~Discussed the Internet policy and Joe Gibbons.
- ~Asked Mr. Johnson to review the Executive Session Minutes beginning with the year 2000 working forward to see if all matters have been resolved and the minutes can be released to the public.
- ~Motion to have Mr. Johnson review the Executive Session Minutes to see if all matters have been resolved beginning with the year 2000, by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Simpson passed 5-0.
- ~Mr. Zupkofska spoke to asking clarify a point during Mr. Simpson's comments saying he wasn't looking for a vote on the Gibbons situation he wanted to be informed. Mr. Chiocca indicated he was offered but declined and that Atty. Clifford had also offered to speak with him.

Mr. Simpson continued his comments

- ~Mr. Simpson indicated he is putting a spread sheet together regarding legal costs and the causes of those expenses.
- ~regarding pending litigation and that the BOS had met last week in executive session to discuss all ongoing litigation and negotiations. The BOS was informed of the status of all pending matters.
- ~Thanked the voters the Building Committee, the School Committee, the SOS committee and everyone involved with passing the School project.
- ~Motion to adjourn by Mr. Simpson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed by Roll Call vote 5-0.

Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice-Chairman
for the Board of Selectmen

Note: Open Meetings are recorded by local cable WRPS and are considered the official record of the BOS meetings

